

This is one of the few areas where substantial government regulation is essential. It is apparent even with the current rules that the airwaves are NOT being used in the public interest. People were hurt because no warning of a dam break was transmitted - that because the local radio station isn't being run locally. This should be a big red flag that something is wrong. A relaxation of the rules that allows greater big-business ownership of smaller-market radio stations is exactly the WRONG action to take - it will make more such disaster possible. Please do not commit this error. The Commission should serve the interests of the PEOPLE -- and relaxing these rules would work against those interests.